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The editor will try to publish newsletters in future by mid-December and by the end of April and August. Newsletters since that for the August 2014 edition are also available as a pdf file from the Society website. A new section "5" on the Society web site has been designed to accommodate this.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the spring 2019 newsletter. We have continued with the 2018-2019 season programme which has been not only very varied but also very interesting. Our thanks are due to Rufus Barnes, who has organised the programme for the Society.

From time to time we have to make changes to our published programme on the blue cards. However, the editor tries to keep the programme details on the Society's web site always up to date; this can be found at: www.cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk

If any member is on email, and has not received this newsletter by email, but would be happy to receive future newsletters and communications by email then would you please let the secretary know at: info@cambridgephilatelicsociety.co.uk; this will help save on both postage and paper costs

MEMBERS' NEWS

It is with sadness that we report the death of **David Bryant** at the end of February from a heart attack. He had been a loyal member of the society for many years, though at the time of his death he was no longer a member.

Earl Toops emailed the Secretary from the USA early in January as follows;

(i). He had published in the October 2018 issue of "The Philatelic Exhibitor" magazine (journal of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors) an article entitled "A Tale of Two Exhibits and Three Countries" which was the "creation" narrative of his Trucial States study-acquisition, research, false starts and turning a collection into an exhibit.

(ii). His article "Trucial States Palm Trees and Dhow Issue of 1961" was the feature article in the December 2018 issue of "The American Philatelist" (journal of the American Philatelic Society). This article was a historical, cultural, social and philatelic "deep background" of this Trucial States issue.

(iii). His one-frame exhibit on Trucial States won a Gold medal at CHICAGOPEX held on 16-18 November 2018.

Following on from the above **Earl Toops** has emailed within the past week to say that his Trucial States exhibit won a Large Gold and the Grand Award for best 1-frame exhibit at the Plymouth (MI) show over the weekend of 13-14 April in the USA. This means that he must now participate in the Champion of Champions 1-frame competition to be held in St Louis, MO in 2020. His Trucial States exhibit got its first public showing at the CPS, so, in a sense, all the above awards stemmed from his visits to the Cambridge Philatelic Society

At the RPSL Regional Meeting at Tempsford on 23rd March 2019 **John George** displayed two frames of Indian States. At the same event **Lillian Swift** displayed Danish Railways, **Richard Husband** GB Perfins sent abroad and **Adrian Boggust** caves and caving.

Graham Wylde displayed GB Miscellania at Fenland Stamp Club on 28th March 2019.

At the Society Auction held in March this year **David Leonard** placed different sections of his collection for sale and kindly donated 50% of monies raised from these auction lots to the Society. The Society is very grateful to David for this very kind gesture which contributed to the success of the auction.

Friday 18th January

EASTER ISLAND AND STRIKE POSTS OF CAMBRIDGE

The new year opened with two of our past presidents displaying material; **Rufus Barnes** on Easter Island and **Simon Kelly** on Strike Posts of Cambridge.

Simon kicked the evening off with information covering the background to the strike which was from 26th January 1971 through to 7th March 1971. This included a copy of the Royal Mail authority enabling **Donald Hofford** to provide the service. Many examples of the 2/- stamp for local deliveries were displayed plus the 4/- stamp which was for Cambridge environs. A special cover to France covering all issued stamps was posted to France on the last day of the strike.

Rufus presented a mixture of material arising from the early days of the post to more modern use. Many postcards were shown, different first flight covers, new stamps issued in 1940 by Chilean Post office and many special covers, both from and into Easter Island. Various sheet and booklet stamps were shown, including overprints, one of which was "EI" for a special expedition.

Wednesday 6th February

PERSIA AND ASPECTS OF IRAN

Nigel Gooch entertained us with a large variety of material from Persia in the first half, followed by Iran in the second half, the latter including many colourful stamps. The display included not only basic stamps but many varieties, posted covers and pictorial postcards on the two countries, including for Persia pre-stamp mail from 1836.

Friday 15th February

COMPETITION EVENING

(35 YEAR, TRANSPORATATION OF MAIL, THEMATICS, FOREIGN, COMMONWEALTH AND 16 SHEET)

We gave a warm welcome to **John Spencer** and **Richard Page** from Leighton Buzzard Philatelic Society who were extremely helpful and professional in the way in which they carried out the judging, and commenting afterwards on the various entries.

Overall nine entries were received for the five listed competitions, compared to eight entries in 2018. Congratulations are due to the winners of the competitions as follows;

35 Year;	**Simon Kelly**	**Kendal Post Office**
Transportation of Mail;	**Rufus Barnes**	**Burma Travelling Post Offices**
Thematics;	**Adrian Boggust**	**My First Day of Caving**
Foreign;	**No entries**	
Commonwealth;	**Ray Revell**	**Bhopal State**
16 Sheet;	**Adrian Boggust**	**Pence Issues of Newfoundland**

During the judging **Roger Carr** gave us a very informative and interesting display of the postal history and stamps depicting scouts and their uniforms from around the world; it was interesting to know that over 150 different countries depict scouts on their issued stamps. He also brought along examples of what scouts wear by way of a hat, scarves, socks, shirt, jumper, and woggles.

Our thanks are due to Roger and for all those members who entered the various competitions.

Wednesday 6th March

SOCIETY AUCTION

The Society Auction was held on this evening. Our thanks are due to Rufus Barnes, who not only collated all the auction lots and produced a printed sheetlet, but also acted as auctioneer. Thanks are due to **Graham Wylde** and **Peter Morton** for keeping detailed records, and to those members who helped in finding the lots and sorting them. We are grateful for all those members who submitted lots and also bid in the auction. Compared to the previous year's auction the value of lots sold was lower with a reasonable contribution being made to Society funds.

Friday 15th March

VISIT FROM HUNTINGDONSHIRE PHILATELIC SOCIETY

We welcomed **John Sims** and **Bill Gibb** from Huntingdonshire P.S to display. John covered what he considered were the four most important pioneer Australian aviators involved with the development of commercial aviation with an impressive display of flown covers. Bill covered farthing stamps which commenced in 1896 with Barbados and their different issues over several years, followed by nine other British colonies, mainly Caribbean islands, but also Malta.

Wednesday 3rd April

SPECIMEN STAMPS OF QUEEN VICTORIA 1840-1902

We gave a warm welcome to **David Leathart**. David gave a power point talk on GB Queen Victoria sample and specimen stamps for the period 1840 to 1902, which also included colour trials, government officials and telegraph stamps. In the second half he covered many special issues which encompassed revenue stamps, unappropriated stamps and various court fees. Each half involved a wonderful display of the different types of specimen, cancelled and other overprints, which were available, including several stamps which are difficult to find.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The 2018-2019 programme continues with the following meetings.

Wednesday 1st May

INDIAN STATES-WEIRD AND WONDERFUL: ALEC JEFFREYS

Friday 17th May

VISIT FROM BASILDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Wednesday 5th June

MEMBERS' EVENING - SHOW WHAT YOU WANT

Friday 21st June

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OTHER MATTERS

SOCIETY DINNER

Given that 24 members and partners enjoyed the Society Dinner which was held on Wednesday 11th July 2018 at the Arundel House Hotel, Cambridge we have made provisional arrangements to hold another dinner at the same venue on Wednesday 10th July 2019. Full details will be emailed out under separate cover.

MID ANGLIA PHILATELIC FEDERATION

Full details of events, contacts and recent newsletters appear on the federation website: www.mapf.co.uk

The latest [March 2019] Newsletter also appears on the website.

The Philanglia philatelic event will take place at Burgess Hall, St Ives on Saturday 22nd June 2019. All Federation competition entries will be on display in the gallery area on the first floor.

Following the successful special Display Day on Sunday 7th October 2018 at Buckden Village Hall, a booking has been made to hold this year's Display Day at the same venue on Sunday 6th October 2019.

2020 CELEBRATIONS

Over the past twelve months a special sub committee of the Society has met on three occasions to consider what the Society should do to celebrate its formation on 22nd October 1920. As and when specific matters have been finalised the details will be published in future Newsletters. These are likely to include a special book publication about the Society and also a Society dinner.

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